

## ER Unit Meeting

The R8 Emergency Response staff meeting began with the announcement that Shawn McCaffrey (8P-W-TF) has joined the enforcement staff. Please welcome him when you see him or he calls.

Chris Freed led a training session on the new phones, covering topics such as scrolling through the apps, use of the microphone for texting, re-orienting maps to the direction you are proceeding, airdrop (a quick way to share files), populating folders, how to look up contacts in the directory, delete contacts, voice texting, using the leveling function.

There were no contract updates.

The Red River Supply Warehouse Fire Site (Peronard) in Williston, North Dakota, was suggested for the next Hot Coffee/Hot Wash, which is scheduled for the next regular staff meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Laura advised OSCs to print out their FAITAS training certifications; both to confirm that the process has completed and to give a copy to Mark Wullstein, R8 training coordinator (who downloads copies to the Emergency Management and COOP portal). Also, if you want to be sure that there is a hardcopy on file, insert one in the yellow (A-M) or lime green (N-Z) Training Certification notebook located on the shelving below the vehicle checkout area.

Several mine sites are currently involved in plugging their adits to reduce AMD including: Penn Mine, Golf tunnel and Red & Bonita. Upper management wants this knowledge and lessons learned to be broadly shared through brown-bag presentations to the Remedial program and the Region at-large.

The OSC Training Academy is progressing in the development of its specialized training tracks (CERCLA, Oil, Leadership, Data Management, and CBRN). The first advanced training to be offered is Leadership in late October. Steve Merritt and Martin McComb have been accepted to attend the October leadership training.

Enforcement, with HQ, is developing a Superfund training session for Region 8 entitled, "Legal Issues for RPMs, OSCs, and SAMs." The one-day training is scheduled for May 20, 2015, and will focus on access and potential liability. Please let Laura know if you have any additional topics you'd like to see included in the agenda.

It is Performance Review time again! A detailed email regarding PARS was sent on 9/22/14 that identified an October 7<sup>th</sup> deadline for submitting your self assessment. Please schedule a time for your PARS on Laura's calendar which is on the small table in her office. All performance reviews must be completed by October 31.

Barb's Corner: There are 15 TAs that have to be vouchered before October 10. Please review and sign your voucher within a day or two of receiving it. If you are traveling on back-to-back trips, request a pre-addressed envelope to return receipts timely.